

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A printer, having a first interface and a second interface, comprising:

determining means for determining whether a request from another device to provide a device ID request for printing to the other device is received from the first interface;

transmitting means for transmitting a device ID of the printer to [[a]] the device which transmitted the request and that is connected to the first interface when it is determined by the determining means that the device ID request for printing is received from the first interface; and

control means for causing, when it is determined that the device ID request for printing is received from the first interface is received by said determining means, said printer to become enter a busy state in which a printing operation is performed such that data from the second interface is not received and print data from the first interface is received and printed,

wherein said control means causes the printer to enter the busy state before the reception of the print data from the first interface.

2. (Currently Amended) A printer according to Claim 1, further comprising printing means for performing printing based on received print data.

3. (Original) A printer according to Claim 2, wherein said printing means comprises an ink-jet printer.

4. (Original) A printer according to Claim 1, wherein the interfaces comprise a Centronics interface.

5. (Currently Amended) A printer according to Claim 1, wherein, when print data is received from the first interface within a predetermined period of time after the printer becomes enters the busy state, said control means prints the received print data and, after the printing is completed, said control means releases the busy state.

6. (Currently Amended) A control method for a printer having a first interface and a second interface, said control method comprising the steps of:

determining whether a request from another device to provide a device ID request for printing to the other device is received from the first interface;

transmitting a device ID of the printer to [[a]] the device which transmitted the request and that is connected to the first interface when it is determined by the determining step that the device ID request for printing is received from the first interface; and

a control step of causing, when it is determined by the determining step that the device ID request for printing is received from the first interface is received, said printer to become enter a busy state in which a printing operation is performed such that data from the second interface is not received and print data from the first interface is received and printed.

wherein said control step causes the printer to enter the busy state before the reception of the print data from the first interface.

7. (Currently Amended) A control method according to Claim 6, further comprising the step of printing, when print data is received from the first interface within a predetermined period of time after said printer enters becomes the busy state, the received print data and releasing the busy state after the printing is completed.

8. (Currently Amended) A control program, stored on a computer readable medium, for a printer having a first interface and a second interface, said control program comprising the steps of:

determining whether a request from another device to provide a device ID request for printing to the other device is received from the first interface;

transmitting a device ID of the printer to [[a]] the device which transmitted the request and that is connected to the first interface when it is determined by the determining step that the device ID request for printing is received from the first interface; and

a control step of causing, when it is determined by the determining step that the device ID request for printing is received from the first interface is received, said printer to become enter a busy state in which a printing operation is performed such that data from the second interface is not received and print data from the first interface is received and printed,

wherein said control step causes the printer to enter the busy state before the reception of the print data from the first interface.

9. (Currently Amended) A control program according to Claim 8, further comprising the step of printing, when print data is received by the first interface within a predetermined period of time after said printer ~~becomes~~ enters the busy state, the received print data and releasing the busy state after the printing is completed.

10. (Currently Amended) A storage medium on which is stored a control program for a printer having a first interface and a second interface, said control program comprising the steps of:

determining whether a request from another device to provide a device ID request for printing to the other device is received from the first interface;

transmitting a device ID of the printer to [[a]] the device which transmitted the request and that is connected to the first interface when it is determined by the determining step that the device ID request for printing is received from the first interface; and

a control step of causing, when it is determined by the determining step that the device ID request for printing is received from the first interface is received, said printer to ~~become~~ enter a busy state in which a printing operation is performed such that data from the second interface is not received and print data from the first interface is received and printed,

wherein said control step causes the printer to enter the busy state before the reception of the print data from the first interface.

11. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 10, wherein said control program further comprises the step of printing, when print data is

received by the first interface within a predetermined period of time after said printer becomes enters the busy state, the received print data and releasing the busy state after the printing is completed.

12. (Currently Amended) A printer according to Claim 1, wherein, the control means releases the busy state when no print data is received from the first interface within [[a]] the predetermined period of time after the printer becomes a enters the busy state.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 6, wherein, the control step releases the busy state when no print data is received from the first interface within [[a]] the predetermined period of time after the printer becomes a enters the busy state.

14. (Currently Amended) A control program according to Claim 8, wherein, the control step releases the busy state when no print data is received from the first interface within [[a]] the predetermined period of time after the printer becomes a enters the busy state.

15. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 10, wherein, the control step releases the busy state when no print data is received from the first interface within [[a]] the predetermined period of time after the printer becomes enters the busy state.

16. (Currently Amended) A printer, having a first interface and a second interface, comprising:

a determining unit that determines whether a request to provide printer status information request for printing to another device is received from the first interface;

a transmitting unit that transmits printer status information of the printer to [[a]] the device which transmitted the request and which is connected to the first interface when it is determined by the determining unit that the printer status information request for printing is received by first interface; and

a control unit for causing, when it is determined by the determining unit that the printer status information request for printing is received by the first interface, said printer to become enter a busy status[[,]] where data from the second interface is not received while and print data is received from the first interface and printed,

whercin said control unit causes the printer to enter the busy state before the reception of the print data from the first interface.